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The Southern Ute Drum



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

On Wednesday, Jan. 20 the Mayor of Ignacio, Stella Cox signed a proclamation declaring that the Town of Ignacio will observe Leonard C. Burch Day as a Town holiday.
See the proclamation on page 3.

TOWN OF IGNACIO

Town will recognize LCB Day

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

December 10 has become known to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a day to recognize and remember one of the most respected Southern Ute Chairman, Leonard C. Burch. Now very much

like Mr. Burch's legacy, the holiday in his honor is reaching across boundaries. Starting in 2016 Leonard C. Burch Day will be recognized annually as a Town of Ignacio holiday.
In a Town Board meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 20, Mayor, Stella Cox signed a

proclamation declaring December 10 a Town holiday.
"He was a strong leader for the tribe ... this brings the tribe and the Town closer," Edward Box III of the Town Board said.
Burch has long been known as a visionary and

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TRIBAL EDUCATION

Group aims to strengthen family relationships

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In an effort of accompanying family support for tribal members on the reservation, the Southern Ute Education Department, Tribal Courts, and Tribal Council have introduced Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) – a therapy alternative for families who feel they are struggling with issues. These include child safety, adult/elder safety, court involvement, juvenile delinquency, truancy/education issues, disability issues, substance abuse, and family self-referrals. It involves a voluntary meeting with a therapist or healer, and allows the family members to come together in a supportive way in order to create the best solutions possible.

Tribal Council has been considering FGDM since the late Chairman Jimmy R. Newton was in office. Chairman Clement J. Frost, who showed rousing support for FGDM stated,



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Chief Judge Chantel Cloud (right) and Barbara Pevny talk about the benefits of FGDM that is available for tribal members.

"Our family, our children, they are what make us who we are. We have these issues that we struggle with, but also feel there's no one who can help. This will allow those to seek the help they need. As native people, we must keep our community strong."

"Several of my co-workers talked about how many families want to make healthy decisions for themselves. We've been working with Tribal Council for years, and we're very happy we got to this point,

"Barbara Pevny, Southern Ute Family Court Therapist added.

If a family wishes to schedule a meeting, a referral to FGDM must first be made. Once that's done, a coordinator will contact the family, where they decide who they want to invite to their meeting. At the meeting, the family will meet with a trained facilitator who will guide the meeting in a healthy manner as the purpose and goals are stated.

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Jays, Miners no match for Bobcats

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to shake off a sluggish second quarter inside a strangely-silent Miner-Dome, the Bobcat boys used six Tucker Ward third-quarter points to set Telluride up, then three Wyatt Hayes three-pointers in the fourth to knock the Miners down – and for all practical purposes, out in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League clash on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Picking up where they left off the night before in the Mancos Performance Center, Ignacio improved to 8-0 overall, 3-0 in the SJBL by coasting to a 69-41 win and building momentum for their much-anticipated engagement with Durango (6-3, 0-0 4A/5A Southwestern) on the 19th inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium.

"We're not looking 'forward' any more – it's in front of us!" said head coach Chris Valdez. "We've got to go out and work hard; they're a great team, probably the best we've played in many years, you know? They're better than the Sanfords of the world, and we've got to play at a high level if we want to beat them."

"We're going to work on suffocating defense," Ward said. "That's going to keep us in the game."

Unfortunately results from the neutral-site spectacle were unavailable by the Drum's deadline.

"Whatever happens, happens, but we're going to work our butt off and try to at least put on a show!" Valdez said. "If we get our butt



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Kruz Pardo attempts a tough shot over Telluride's Jackson Tharpe (21) during SJBL road action on Saturday, Jan. 16.

kicked, it's still motivation for us to turn it around. If we win, we know we're in the right direction and we can still move forward."

Getting early baskets from juniors Andrew Denny and Miles Galbo, THS looked to lengthen strides made the night before in a 60-47 non-league win at 1A Crested Butte but soon fell behind the 'Cats for good after a Ward trey put IHS ahead 9-2, and an Anthony Manzanares triple increased the visitors' lead to 15-4 after eight minutes.

Five of Valdez's players managed to score during the slowed-down second, and a late Galbo three-point play

provided Telluride one last spark of hope as the scoreboard read IHS 26, THS 12 at halftime. And to Ignacio, 78-42 victors over the Blue Jays, knew that was close enough.

"We've had some trouble starting games. Usually after halftime we pick it up and extend the lead, which we did again tonight, but we've got to be able to come out with that intensity at the beginning," said Valdez. "And that's something we're challenging ourselves to do, you know?"

Denny, who'd energized the home crowd with a stout

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Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Solar Flares coach, Rob Gram talks to his swimmers about technique and style.

SUNUTE SWIMMING

Dive into swimming at SunUte

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Have you ever dreamt of being a swim star?

In an effort to keep the swim team afloat the SunUte Community Center is calling all kids to come

and join the SunUte youth team, the Solar Flares. Even though the Solar Flares just became a swim team in the eyes of USA Swimming, they have been swimming together for four years. Originally the swim

team was created for the Native American Indigenous and Tri-Ute Games.

"At one time we had 25-30 kids on our swim team," Robin Duffy-Wirth, fitness director of SunUte

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Bouncing into 2016



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Aubrey Lucero, makes a fast-break for the Bulls against the Thunder in 6-7 year old youth basketball play, Tuesday, Jan. 19 in the SunUte Gym.

See page 7 for more youth basketball coverage.



DIVE INTO SWIMMING • FROM PAGE 1

Community Center said.

If you are planning to swim in this year's Tri-Ute games SunUte encourages you to start preparation now by joining the Solar Flares. The swim team to open to all youth ages 8 to 18.

SunUte has tried different things to try to lure kids in to be apart of this elite group of swimmers, they've changed times, changed schedules even made swimming quarters so the kids didn't feel obligated to swim year around. Now this is their final push to keep swimming alive at the community center.

The Solar Flares are coached by Rob Gram. Gram is a USA Certified Swim Coach with much experience. He was also an avid swimmer back in his younger days competing in at high school and collegiate level. Gram assisted with a couple of different swim teams in California and even though he had been away from the sport for awhile he is very upbeat and positive about the youth in our community and their capabilities to grow in the sport of swim-



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Solar Flare swimmers warm up at practice on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the SunUte Community Center pool.

ming, he said.

"I would like to make the opportunity for these kids to compete. There are lots of opportunities all over the state and country," Gram said.

The Solar Flares new quarter started Thursday, Jan. 14. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 – 6 p.m., with the exception of holidays.

All swimmers are required to have a SunUte membership; tribal members are free of charge. Swimmers interested in competing in sanctioned swim meets are required to pay the \$63 USA Swim-

ming registration fee. If your child qualifies for free lunches at school the USA Swim fee is available at \$5.

"If any tribal member students need help with fees SunUte is always here to help them and make sure they are successful, especially if it's fitness related," Duffy-Wirth said.

It's not too late to become a Solar Flare. The swim team is open to all youth ages 8 to 18. Swimmers are not required to compete in swim meets, unless they choose to do so. For any questions contact Lisa Allen, Aquatics Coordinator at 563-0214 ext. 2653.

Many Moons Ago



La Titia Taylor/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

These 4-H Leaders attended the Intertribal Agriculture Council Symposium in Billings, Montana with chaperones Sarah Hudson and La Titia Taylor. Pictured left to right are (back row) Ester Richards, Agatha Bison, Devon Puerto, Carol Whiteskunk, Deanna Frost and Frances Richards. (Front row) Reagena Thompson, D'Arcy Williams, Kathryn Whiteskunk.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 19, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) is a leadership program that supports the Southern Ute Youth. The SCSYAC members are the voice of the Southern Ute Tribes youth and are in charge of making proposals to tribal council when they wanted to take action on a topic. The idea behind SCSYAC would be to create more awareness for the youth in the topics and everyday issues in our community and to provide a leadership training to increase their skills. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending public or private school, participating in an accredited homeschool program, striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses. Application packets are due February 1st, 2016.

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SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Animas La Plata Subcommittee negotiating team listening to speakers presenting their side of the negotiating. L-R unidentified, Acting Vice-Chairwoman Vida Peabody, Councilwoman Lillian Seibel, Councilman Guy Pinnecoose, Jr. Dr. Don Heaney, extension office. Others unidentified at press time.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 24, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

LOCAL UPDATE

Tribal member wood orders

Wood orders for Southern Ute Tribal members will be placed Monday thru Friday, please call 970-563-4780 extension 3510. Wood pick-up days are Mondays and Wednesdays and wood deliveries to elders and approved members with disabilities are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No pick-ups or deliveries on Fridays. Elders and members with disabilities, get split wood delivered, all others will get blocked wood only, one load a month, 3/4 of a cord. Tribal members that have not received firewood in the past, may call 970-563-4780 to set up an appointment for wood stove or fireplace verification. Firewood for elders will only be delivered within the exterior boundaries of the reservation.

Just a reminder that there is **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING** in the fire lanes in front of SunUte. Please make every effort to find a parking space so that traffic can maintain a steady pace



There is also **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING** in the handicap designated areas unless your vehicle clearly displays your handicap designation. If you are fortunate to be healthy enough not to need this designation, then please respect those that do and find a space elsewhere. Besides, its good for you.

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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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All ages welcome

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Multi-Purpose Facility

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Photo by Karen Viste-Sparkman/USFWS

Meet Sparky, one tough bison at Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge in Iowa. Sparky was struck by lightning in summer 2013. He was thin after the strike and wasn't expected to live long.

WILDLIFE

Bison struck by lightning, dubbed 'Sparky'

Staff report
COURTESY DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This is Sparky, one tough bison at Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge in Iowa. In summer 2013, Sparky was struck by lightning on his shoulder hump. While doing a survey of bison on the refuge in late July 2013, Wildlife Biologist Karen Viste-Sparkman noticed a bull standing by himself. On closer inspection, it was clear that he had been struck by lightning and burned over a large area of his body. "Sparky" was thin after the strike and wasn't expected to live long. Since a lightning strike is something that could happen to wild bison anywhere, the refuge let nature take its course. But two years later, Sparky is going strong! Sparky is just one of the bison that call Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge home. The refuge was established to protect, restore, reconstruct and manage the diverse native ecosystems of tallgrass prairie, oak savanna and sedge meadow. As part of that mission, Neal Smith has a small herd of bison.

2016 Tribal calendars are in



The 2016 Southern Ute Tribal calendars are available for pickup at the Southern Ute Drum office, located in the Leonard C. Burch Building. Please understand we have a limited amount. Each tribal member head-of-household was mailed a calendar.

Friends of the Museum Reward Program

Why not get rewarded twice for visiting the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, with our FREE rewards program Friends of the Museum, you can do just that! All you have to do is ask a visitor service representative to sign you up for the FREE Friends of the Museum Rewards Program. You will receive a gift bag with some FREE goodies, we will fill out a rewards card and put it in our card file for safe keeping. Then when you come back to the Museum tell the visitor service representative that you are a rewards member, he/she will get your card out and punch it for you. Remember to tell the visitor service representative each and every time you pay for a class and or visit the Museum because the more times you come in the more rewards you receive.

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❖ 9 punches	One FREE Workshop
❖ 12 punches	(1) Entry for our ONE OF A KIND Pendleton Logo Blanket

TOWN WILL RECOGNIZE LCB • FROM PAGE 1

model leader respected by many at the local, state, tribal and federal levels. Many community members remember Burch and his efforts to make the whole community flourish.

"I'm glad we accepted this as a holiday ... I've seen a lot of what Leonard C. Burch did with the town and tribe; it's a good feeling the staff accepted this," Town Board member, Thomas Atencio said.

"He was a great leader and he always had the vision of the entire community," Town Board member Dixie Melton, added.

The tribe, and the Burch family have been honoring Leonard C. Burch 's legacy since the recognition was established on Dec. 10, 1996.


"It's a great honor to remember my father because of all the hard work he did, thank you for honoring him," Leonora Burch said.

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman, Tyson Thompson said Tribal Council is honored the Town took the time to make this holiday possible.

The Proclamation states that the Town of Ignacio, "encourages its residents, businesses, and institutions to celebrate Leonard C. Burch Day and to recognize the accomplishments, sacrifices and contributions Mr. Burch made to our community."

Along with the Tribe, the Town will now be closed for business in order for staff to pay tribute to the late Chairman.

"He was very considerate of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the community. He was a leader, a visionary and inspired many people," Cox said.



LEONARD C. BURCH DAY PROCLAMATION DECEMBER 10, 2016

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and tribal members are valued neighbors and part of our Tri-Ethnic Community; and

WHEREAS, deceased Tribal Chairman Leonard C. Burch was a valiant leader who positively affected many lives, including citizens of the Town of Ignacio; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has created an annual holiday on December 10th of every year in recognition of Leonard C. Burch; and

WHEREAS, Leonard C. Burch Day is intended to signify and pay tribute to Mr. Burch's 32 years of service and numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ignacio desires to pay respect and tribute to Leonard C. Burch; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ignacio desires to recognize Leonard C. Burch day as an annual Town holiday.

FURTHERMORE, let it be known that the Town of Ignacio, hereby encourages its residents, businesses and institutions to celebrate **Leonard C. Burch Day** and recognize the accomplishments, sacrifices and contributions Mr. Burch made to our community.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Stella Cox, hereby pledge that Leonard C. Burch Day, December 10th, will be recognized annually as a Town holiday for Town staff, and will be closed for business in order for staff to be involved in the various activities, or to pay tribute in their own way.

SIGNED THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2016

Stella Cox, Mayor

MUSEUM UPDATE

MUSEUM WINTER HOURS BEGIN

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, will start our winter schedule of Tuesday through Friday until Memorial Day weekend, (May 27, 2016). The museum's Permanent Gallery is closed for maintenance. Please call 970-563-9583 for further information.

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Parenting may just be the hardest job in the world

Staff report
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Parents and caregivers receive the greatest benefit from completing the entire SafeCare Program; they can start with one topic, which takes about six sessions to

complete, before deciding if they want to continue with the other topics.

We serve: Archuleta, Dolores, LaPlata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties, Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

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"My house is soooo much safer and I know which hazards are the most dangerous for my kids." – M.N.

THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

Low premium insurance may not always be the cheapest option

By Trudy Lieberman
RURAL HEALTH NEWS SERVICE

The enrollment period for choosing an Obamacare policy ends on January 31. That means if you haven't already signed up and think you want coverage from your state's insurance marketplace, now's the time to check your options and make a decision. But what decision will be best?

Over the last several months I have received many emails from readers of this column telling me about their experience with Affordable Care Act policies---some good, some bad. Their comments plus the close of open enrollment offer a chance to review a few of the basics for choosing a plan and to examine a critical question that's been plaguing the law since the beginning: Are policies affordable?

A 61-year-old woman in South Dakota wanted me to tell readers to look carefully at the so-called silver plans because they provide what are called cost-sharing subsidies---extra help paying those sky-high deductibles and out-of-pocket costs Obamacare policies require. Silver plans cover 70 percent of someone's medical expenses. The woman explained the subsidies had made it possible for her to switch from a platinum policy with a high premium (and lower deductible) to the silver variety, which lowered her premium and required what she called "minimal" copays for doctor visits and medications.

She had discovered silver plans are indeed the key to affordability for most people buying policies in the state exchanges. But there's a catch. Even though savings on out-of-pocket costs can be substantial, only certain people who buy silver plans are eligible for those subsidies. Congress con-

cluded there wasn't enough money in the federal budget to help all Obamacare policyholders.

Only those with incomes between 100 and 250 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for extra help. In dollars and cents that means individuals with incomes between \$11,770 and \$29,425 and families of four, for example, with incomes between \$24,250 and \$60,625.

What about people with incomes above those thresholds, say, someone with income of \$35,000 or a family with \$65,000? Considering the average annual deductible for silver plans last year was about \$3,000 and out-of-pocket maximums averaged close to \$6,000, uncovered medical expenses can add up.

Subsidies protect those with the lowest incomes the most, says Sara Collins, a vice president of The Commonwealth Fund, which studies health insurance trends and is a funder of the Rural Health News Service. "They substantially reduce out-of-pocket costs for people with incomes under 200 percent of poverty," but "there's a significant cost exposure to people in the middle income range." If deductibles continue to rise, there's a risk they'll be underinsured, she adds.

Families will struggle to pay their medical bills even with Obamacare insurance and find themselves mired in medical debt, which the Affordable Care Act was supposed to eliminate. The federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says medical debt is still responsible for more than half of all debt collection actions. The Kaiser Family Foundation reports one-third of Americans have trouble paying medical bills even though seventy percent of them have insurance.

Even with subsidies of-

fered on silver plans insurance is not affordable for many families. A woman who lives in the middle of Wyoming wrote that she and her husband were uninsured last year. "We studied the premiums a lot and have found our best price option would cost us about \$800-\$900 each a month (about \$400 to \$500 with a subsidy)," she said, adding, "I don't know many people who have an extra \$400-\$500 in their household budget to spend on insurance. It is certainly not available in our monthly budget."

At first, she said, "I thought maybe I'm not managing our money properly," but the more she studied the ACA and premium requirements, she became convinced that was not the case. "We just don't have it (the money)," she told me.

For those who think they can swing a premium for 2016, silver plans are worth considering. Collins says not everyone who is eligible for cost-sharing subsidies is taking advantage of that help.

One-quarter of Obamacare policyholders with incomes between 200 and 250 percent of the poverty level bought bronze plans last year that cover only 60 percent of your medical costs and generally have the cheapest premiums. As a trade-off, though, out-of-pocket limits are higher, averaging about \$6,400. When you consider the extra subsidies available only with silver plans, a silver plan may be cheaper after all.

As helpful as the silver plan subsidies may be, they mask the underlying problem. The cost of health care for both the insured and the uninsured is still too high and likely to get higher.

How do you pay out-of-pocket medical expenses and fit them into your budget? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.


What if a loved one has cancer and doesn't know?

American Indians are more likely to be diagnosed with late stage colon cancer. Early screening can save lives.



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Andrea Martinez
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EDUCATION UPDATE

JOM MEETING

The next Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Building.



It's never too late to get your GED!
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For more information contact Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger at the Southern Ute Educational Department at 970.563.0237 X2784. / jhunstiger@southern-ute.nsn.us

STRENGTHEN FAMILY • FROM PAGE 1

ed. The facilitator can be chosen by the family and will additionally write up the final family plan, where it will be presented, reviewed, and strengthened. All families will have the rights to confidentiality (unless otherwise mandated), choose who participates, spiritual belief/cultural ritual respect, and the right to opt-out of FGDM entirely.

FGDM coordinator, Charise Hunter, will contact the families and set up the appropriate meeting times.

"I help get information from families as well as talk to them," she said. "I help set up all the linguistics. It's completely family centered, and we accommodate you on your own time. This is your family, your meeting."

"I think it's good for the community to know that we have educated tribal members who are running this



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Charise Hunter, FGDM coordinator answers questions during a meeting on Wednesday, Jan 20 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Music.

treatment," added Latitia Taylor, higher education director. "Tribal Council really supports this program. Chairman Frost really wants this to happen – for us to take care of our families and ourselves."

Chief Judge Chantel Cloud showed gratification with this new opportunity for families seeking help.

"If you can catch these issues quickly, then you can get help sooner. I'm passionate about it because I'm a tribal member. This community is full of my family and friends. I just want to see them all live healthy. We hope this program will give people more power to make these decisions."

Ignacio High School Girls Basketball

Girls Mini Basketball Camp

Grades 1st – 5th

High School Main Gym

Practice time: February 10th and 11th 4:00-5:00

Game Play: February 13th half time of Girls Varsity game

Cost: \$15.00 includes a t-shirt

Deadline: January 22nd

Make checks payable to: IHS Girls Basketball

Contact: Katrina Richards 970-749-4557
Shane Seibel 970-749-0742

IN IGNACIO...

CHARACTER COUNTS

TRUSTWORTHINESS
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PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY GROUPS (LIKE THE SCHOOLS) HAVE RECENTLY STARTED REWARDING STUDENTS WITH A BOBCAT BUCK WHEN THEY DISPLAY GOOD CHARACTER BASED ON THE SIX PILLARS.

Present 1 Bobcat Buck at the following businesses and you will get:



Subway: One regular 6" sub—These must be purchased at the school store (it will be a coupon).

Patio: One piece of pie.

Farmers Fresh: One food item from the deli up to \$5.

SunUte Community Center: One day pass.

Rolling Thunder Bowling: One game of bowling.

Ignacio High School: Admission into a game.

Ignacio Middle School: School supplies from the Bobcat Store (worth \$3).

Club Venture and Curiosity from SUCAP: Ski Trip/Ropes Course or other Outdoor Adventure.





INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

IRS urges public to stay alert for scam phone calls

Staff report
SU POLICE DEPT.

The Southern Ute Police Department has received reports from community members receiving threatening phone calls from the IRS. We would like to warn people to guard against scam phone calls from thieves intent on stealing their money or their identity. Criminals have been posing as the IRS to trick victims out of their money or personal information. Here are several tips to help you avoid being a victim of the scams:

SCAMMERS MAKE
UNSOLICITED CALLS

Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave “urgent” callback requests through phone “robo-calls,” or via phishing email.

CALLERS TRY TO
SCARE THEIR
VICTIMS

Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. They may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don’t get the money. Scams use caller ID spoofing. Scammers often alter caller ID to make it look

like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim’s name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

CONSTRY NEW
TRICKS ALL THE
TIME

Some schemes provide an actual IRS address where they tell the victim to mail a receipt for the payment they make. Others use emails that contain a fake IRS document with a phone number or an email address for a reply. These scammers often use official IRS letterhead in emails or regular mail that they send to their victims. They try these ploys to make the ruse look official. Scams cost victims over \$23 million. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, or TIGTA, has received reports of about 736,000 scam contacts since October 2013. Nearly 4,550 victims have collectively paid over \$23 million as a result of the scam.

THE IRS WILL NOT

- Call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without first sending you a bill in the mail.
- Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you

- to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- Require that you pay your taxes a certain way. For instance, require that you pay with a prepaid debit card.
 - Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
 - Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

If you don’t owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:

Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately. Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their “IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting” web page. You can also call 800-366-4484. Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the “FTC Complaint Assistant” on FTC.gov. Please add “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes.

If you know you owe, or think you may owe tax:

Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you.

Phone scams first tried to sting older people, new immigrants to the U.S. and those who speak English as a second language. Now the crooks try to swindle just about anyone. And they’ve ripped-off people in every state in the nation. The Southern Ute Police Department would like you to stay safe and protect your hard earned money.

Department of Natural Resources

Bi - Annual Open House

Tribal Members!

Happy New Year!
Let's Get Together!
Lunch is on Us! Door Prizes Too!

January 27th
Multi-Purpose Facility
10:00 - 2:00

Let's get the New Year off to a Great Start!! Come visit with your DNR Staff. Division Representatives are available to answer your questions. We will listen to your concerns & discuss suggestions.

DNR Divisions (Agriculture, Lands, Forestry, Wildlife, Range, Water Resources & GIS) will be on site to discuss their available programs plus La Plata West Water Authority & ALP Association.

Working Together WE CAN make things happen! See You on the 27th!

NEW EMPLOYEES



Maya Dawn Baker
Job title: Custodian
Description of duties: Clean tribal buildings and other buildings on campus.
Hobbies: Spending time with my family, especially my grandkids. And when the mountains call I must go.
Family: My sister Melanie & family, my daughter Tanya, Wyatt and their family; sons, Dominic, Christopher and daughter Destiny.
Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Cheryl Ongtowsruk
Job title: Elementary Guide
Description of duties: Using the Montessori philosophy, employee will provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment to meet physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the children.
Family: Husband – Sheldon Woodside
Tribe: Native Village of Wales



Michelle Robertson
Job title: Pharmacist
Description of duties: Evaluates and dispenses prescriptions, communicates with providers to optimize pharmaceutical care, counsels patients on appropriate use of medications and maintains pharmacy inventory.
Hobbies: Snowboarding, hiking and river sports.

Third-party snow removal services

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The Working Man's Plow	970-884-9300
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Wilson Roofing	970-403-9822
Bob's Snow Removal	970-946-6500
Colorado Ice Melts	970-403-5009
Jeff & Sean's Service	970-769-1209

dodgeball

DURANGO RECREATION CENTER
January 28th @ 6:30-9:00 PM
Registration Deadline: January 28th @ Noon
Registration forms online at www.sucap.org
or call (970) 563-4517
\$85 registration per team
Benefiting positive youth development programs in Ignacio
(Outdoor Adventure Program, After-School Enrichment, Community Theater, Maker Space)

Camalunga WIPEOUT
Saturday JAN 30th at Buckley Park

NOT CHOCOLATE
Prizes for fastest time

A groovy Obstacle Course for youth 8-18 years old

12:30 - Registration Begins
Parent Signature Required

12:45 - 3:30 - Teams of Two
Race the Course

Fun games for kids under 8!

Come prepared for cold and slushy!

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Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Playing the waiting game. Youth basketball players from the Heat and Spurs readily await for the rebound on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at SunUte's youth basketball games.

Youth take the court

Youth basketball action hit the floor once again, as the 2016 SunUte Youth Basketball season commenced Tuesday, Jan. 19 on the SunUte basketball court with the 6 and 7-year-olds playing their first game of the season on Tuesday, Jan. 19. The 4 to 5-year-olds will play every Monday, 6 to 7-year-olds every Tuesday, 8 to 9-year-olds every Wednesday, and the 10-11 age group will play every Thursday. The season will end Thursday, Feb. 25.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Youth basketball players put on the heat as they head down court to try to score against the Spurs.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Princess Toph Pinnecoose looks for the open man while being defended by the Clippers tough defense.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

SunUte referee, Kelsey Frost hands the ball to Bulls in-bounder, Zoe Velasquez, Tuesday, Jan. 19 in the SunUte Gym.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Girl power! Alyssa Atencio, Leandra Litz and Aspen Naranjo all go for the ball in the hopes that their team will end up with it.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Celtics players hustle the ball down the court to try and outscore the Clippers at the opening night of the 8 to 9-year-old SunUte Youth Basketball league on Wednesday, Jan. 20.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

SunUte referee, Gavin Martinez gives the Bulls (in red) and the Thunder (in white) pre-game instructions before play begins in the six and seven-year-old youth basketball game, Tuesday, Jan. 19 in SunUte Gym.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Hayden Benally (in white) breaks for the loose ball during youth basketball action Tuesday, Jan. 19 in the SunUte Gym.

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Young Richmond lifting IHS’ spirits

JV guard steals the show in T-ride

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Site of world-premiere movie viewings and stage productions throughout the years, the Michael D. Palm Theatre sits just a narrow, connected hallway’s walk east from Telluride High School’s MinerDome.

And in a truly class move on Saturday, Jan. 16, THS head coach Stefan Reiter’s timeout – thought called by Ignacio’s Chris Valdez by most fans in attendance – late in a lopsided 2A/1A San Juan Basin League loss set up the ultimate ending to a script-worthy performance leaving not only IHS assistant Johnny Valdez but also the skipper teary-eyed as though their boys had won the Class 2A State Basketball Championship.

Not once but incredibly twice, and each occasion punctuated by an unlikely hero born to be a Bobcat.

“You know, [Reiter]

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Keegan Richmond (33) plays defense against Telluride’s Charlie Miller during his varsity call-up appearance inside the MinerDome on January 16. Having already played well in the earlier junior-varsity game despite limited use of his right foot, Richmond made the most of his top-tier minutes.

JV’ers score wins on the road



Ignacio’s Tori Archuleta (30) looks to whip a pass into the frontcourt after evading Telluride’s Ting Taylor (12) during the Lady Bobcat JV’s road victory Saturday, Jan. 16, in SJBL play. Scoring for both junior varsities came at a premium, but IHS – minus a game the night before at Mancos, with the Lady Jays unable to assemble a JV squad – managed enough in winning 18 to 9.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Neither Ignacio’s Lawrence Valdez nor Telluride’s Ian Enkema (1) were anywhere close to being the tallest players in the MinerDome on Saturday, Jan. 16, during the junior-varsity contest. But both made up for lack of stature with plenty of spring—as evidenced by this play, with Valdez drawing plenty of contact. Prepped for the game by a 52-27 drubbing of Mancos the night before (at MHS), the Bobcat JV drilled the Miners 59-32.

Demons declaw Bobcats



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Gibran Silva (right) looks to pass around Durango’s Katrina Chandler (5) during the action inside Fort Lewis College’s Whalen Gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Ignacio’s Kruz Pardo (23) attempts a long-range shot over a Durango defender during action inside Fort Lewis College’s Whalen Gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Mayhem on the Mesa 2016 Ignacio at Durango (Fort Lewis College)

GIRLS’ BOX SCORE – Ignacio 43, at Durango 52:

IHS (8-6-13-16) – H.Garcia 4 3-3 12, C.Valdez 0 4-4 4, E.Seibel 2 0-0 4, A.Lujan 1 0-1 2, A.Gomez 2 6-8 10, C.Wilson-Baker 0 0-2 0, M.Fernandez-Lopez 2 5-7 9, G.Silva 1 0-0 2, A.Baker 0 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 12 18-25 43. **3-POINTERS:** Garcia. **FOULED OUT:** Seibel (2:46 left, Q4), Gomez (0:27 left, Q4).

DHS (11-5-19-17) – T.Edwards 1 0-0 3, S.Basye 6 3-3 15, K.Chandler 6 4-7 18, S.Gillen 2 2-2 6, D.Dudley 2 0-0 4, R.Hall 1 1-2 3, K.Slade 0 0-0 0, E.Gilleland 0 0-0 0, S.Johnson 0 0-0 0, T.Harris 0 2-4 2, B.Rowland 0 1-2 1, J.Baker 0 0-0 0, J.Lee 0 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 18 13-20 52. **3-POINTERS:** Edwards, Chandler 2. **FOULED OUT:** None. **RECORDS**– Ignacio 6-3, 3-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin; Durango 7-2, 0-0 4A/5A Southwestern.

BOYS’ BOX SCORE – Ignacio 47, at Durango 62:

IHS (15-10-7-15) – A.Manzanares 3 4-5 12, W.Hayes 6 2-4 17, J.Valdez 1 0-0 2, T.Ward 0 2-4 2, N.Herrera 2 1-4 5, J.King 0 0-0 0, A.McCaw 1 0-0 2, K.Pardo 1 5-5 7, C.McCaw 0 0-0 0, L.Valdez 0 0-0 0, C.Sanchez 0 0-0 0, K.Roubideaux 0 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 14 14-22 47. **3-POINTERS:** Hayes 3, Manzanares 2. **FOULED OUT:** None. **DHS (14-13-14-21)** – T.Trujillo 7 0-0 14, L.Baken 4 2-4 11, K.Kirkpatrick 0 0-0 0, O.Clay 4 2-2 11, S.Morse 5 1-2 12, G.Bay 4 1-1 10, L.Mayberry 1 0-0 2, Z.Geauthreaux 0 0-0 0, C.Gonzalez 0 0-0 0, S.Gilleland 1 0-0 2, S.Wyman 0 0-0 0, A.Zavala 0 0-0 0. **TOTALS:** 26 6-9 62. **3-POINTERS:** Clay, Morse, Bay, Baken. **FOULED OUT:** None. **RECORDS**– Ignacio 8-1, 3-0 2A/1A San Juan Basin; Durango 7-3, 0-0 4A/5A Southwestern.

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cats lash Mancos, Telluride

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Averaging just over 12 points per game, but with a renewed confidence after a 25-24 win at non-league 1A Crested Butte the night before, Telluride tipped off back inside their MinerDome Saturday, Jan. 16, against Ignacio and actually got the start they sought with senior Cindy Matamoros and junior Whitney Wells each scoring a basket.

And despite the first of Lady Bobcat sophomore Avionne Gomez’s four three-pointers falling to get IHS restarted after a 63-25 victory at Mancos the night before, the Lady Miners’ lead somehow held until 1:20 remained in the first quarter, when senior Gibran Silva cleaned up a miss for a 5-4 advantage.

“The girls came out a

Lady Cats page 12



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Hilda Garcia splits a Telluride double-team for a finger-roll during SJBL road action on Saturday, Jan. 16.

IHS WRESTLING

Grapplers storm through Salida

Four champs for third-place Cats

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

It certainly couldn’t hurt to see his younger brother rise all the way to the top of the challenge of the 2016 Rob Mickel Memorial Invitational, Jan. 16 at Salida High School.

And not long after sophomore Garrett Beebe, wrestling for 3A Bayfield, claimed top billing at 126 pounds, 2A Ignacio senior Tyler Beebe did so at 132, becoming the Bobcats’ second of (eventu-



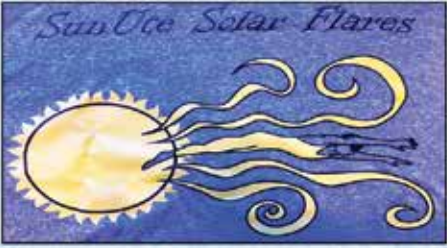
Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Lorenzo Pena introduces Durango’s Cole Gustavson to the Pagosa Springs High School mat en route to winning the 2016 Rocky Mountain Invitational’s 160-pound championship. Pena bagged another title at Salida’s Rob Mickel Memorial Invite the following weekend.

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SunUte Solar Flares Youth Swim Team 2016


Thursday January 14th –Thursday March 24th




Where: SunUte pool
TIME: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:00pm except on holidays.
SUNUTE MEMBERSHIP– All swimmers will be required to have a SunUte membership. Student rates are available. Free for SUIT Tribal Members.
AGE: For ages 8-18.
SWIM MEETS: We plan to attend at least one sanctioned meet during this time if one is available in our area

- There is an annual USA Swim registration fee required before swimmers can enter a sanctioned swim meet. Swimmers who do not plan to go to meets do not need to pay the registration fee. See coach Rob for that registration form. A \$5 USA Swim fee is available to swimmers who qualify for the free lunch program.

Coach Rob Gram is certified USA Swimming Coach and American Red Cross WSI



For more information contact:
Lisa Allen/Aquatics Coordinator
(970)563-0214 ext. 2653



STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♈ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**
BRIGHTEST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
AQUARIUS! FEBRUARY may well be a money month for you. Just ask VENUS (the love and money planet) when it takes up residence in your sign on the 16th, and stays for the rest of the month. Financial matters might receive a boost, thanks to URANUS. It lends support to your goals, and generates great ideas. To insure you get the maximum result from this month’s planetary influences, wait until after the 8th to set your wheels into motion. Luck is on your side, so target your objectives first.

♏ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**
An intensely driven MARS in SCORPIO fuels your ambitions, and your travel desires. Dreams of warm tropical climates with gently swaying Palm trees, might be calling to you Little Fishes. Visions of a blue sparkling ocean, and colorful fragrant flowers breeze through your mind. Your planetary ruler NEPTUNE sends messages of tranquil faraway places. It all culminates by the 28th when the SUN and NEPTUNE join together. More than likely you’ll decide to stay or go. Either way, you’ll be satisfied.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**
Thanks to the SUN’S influential journey ... this month is all about friendship, and socializing. You’ll be at your congenial best ARIES. There are places to go, people to meet, and exciting ventures to explore. No doubt your competitive spirit will be fired up on the 7th when MARS connects with the SUN. Keep a cool head when others try to provoke you. Eccentric URANUS continues to roll through your sign manifesting unexpected surprises, and perhaps a financial windfall that comes out of the blue.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**
JUPITER’S benevolent influence fills your month with sparkle, and shine TAURUS. Because you’re the practical sort, there’s every reason to believe that your objectives will pan out. But they won’t just magically fall into place. You’ll have to work for it, and you may feel pulled in two different directions. One is having to weigh your options regarding personal relationships, and the other is finding your most comfortable lifestyle. MERCURY in CAPRICORN until the 12th, might supply you with a solution.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**
“TRAVEL” that’s the magic word for FEBRUARY. It’s like music to a GEMINI’S ears. But no matter if you go anywhere or not, there’s bound to be a certain amount of excitement in your daily routine. Lively MARS in the work and health zone of your chart indicates progress and change in both of those areas will be possible. The 3rd, 7th, and 13th are your best days to secure a productive outcome to your hard work and efforts. After that, create a Dream vacation to look forward to. It might keep you energized all year.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**
An important NEW MOON on the 8th draws your focus to money matters, taxes, insurance, and bank accounts. Carefully review spending, borrowing, and lending habits. This month the planets are promoting financial awareness MOON KIDS. Create a more stable plan, and try to make wiser choices with purchases. Most importantly keep your finances private. VENUS teams up with PLUTO on the 5th and paves the way to a happier financial understanding with partners, and spouses. Keep it friendly.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

COMMUNITY WISHES

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY ZXANDER EDWARD!
Today’s the special the Creator blessed us with the arrival of our 1st child!! You’ve brought so much happiness to your dad and I. We love you so much they’re aren’t enough words in this lifetime to express it. You’ve taught us how to cherish every moment, to take responsibility more, to Never give up on eachother, but most of all you taught us how to be parents! May the Creator bless with Good health and a String Will to accomplish anything to u strive for! We Love you More & More Everyday!!

LOVE,
Mom & Dad



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHYANNE MORNINGSTAR (LAUGHING GIRL) VIGIL
Wishum Heap Big Happy 15th Birthday to you Granddaughter. Wishum your Spirit be Strong, your Heart be Courages and wishum you walk in the path of rich adventures. Me wishum your moccasins make happy tracks in many snows, and many rainbows touch your shoulders. May Heap Big Grandfather & Grandmother watchum you everyday and Bless you with many heap big Birthdays in the years to come, and you getum your birthday wishes.

Love – Grandmother Darlene F.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIRAI!
Happy birthday to my awesome daughter, Miracle! Thank you for making me a very proud daddy. I love you very much, proud of you in all you do. Mostly proud of the three precious gifts you gave to me – AhKeem, Keelyn, and KJ, making me a ‘PAPA’ – nothing better!

Love – Yo Daddy!

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

DEAR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP,
TRIBAL COUNCIL, AND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

My name is Trae Lucas Seibel and I am simply writing this letter to inform and remind you all of a powerful and influential concept that I believe needs to be implemented, consistently practiced, and conversed about as soon as possible.
The concept Emotional Intelligence has been statistically proven to enhance individuals/teams mindset. Imagine a realm where we, as individuals, are consistently practicing efficient Self-Management, Self-Awareness, Social Awareness, and Relationship Management!
The type of productivity and accountability that needs to take place can and will, if this term is practiced. If we, as Tribal Members, were able to hold ourselves accountable to this concept, the realm and environment of complaining,

laziness, unaccountability, and blaming will come to an abrupt halt.
But, it all starts with the practicing of accountability for OUR OWN REALITY that WE have created. As a human of our earth, a Tribal Member, a Graduate Student, and an educator of Ignacio High School, I challenge our Tribal Members, Tribal Council, Executive Office, and all Department Directors to begin the wake-up process of this powerful concept, Emotional Intelligence!
This is not a letter to complain about the lack of Emotional Intelligence within our Reservation, it is simply a notification of education that is provided to each and every one of you that read this. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

With Harmony and Love,
Trae Seibel

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OBITUARIES



WEAVER – Leroy “Buck” Weaver passed away on January 6, 2016 from a long illness. He was born in Ignacio, CO to William “Bill” Weaver and Myrtle Norris Weaver. He worked

for the Southern Ute Tribe most of his life. He worked on the fencing crew constructing boundary fences, worked a firefighter, and in the maintenance department as a wood hauler/truck-driver.
Leroy was known by many names. When he was small his father called him Charlie, he later became known as Buck, and he called himself “The Handsome Man”.
Leroy’s hobbies included riding his 4-wheeler around the farm and he loved his German shepherd “Lady”. He had a humorous side; always laughing, joking and smiling.
He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Clifford, Howard, Teddy & Clarence; two sisters Loretta & Baby Sister. Leroy is survived by his brothers Arthur (Sylvia) and Wilford Sr. (Mary); many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He had a special relationship with his nieces Savanna (Chris G.) & Valerie (Angelo), and his great-great nephew Nathaniel.
A Recitation of the Rosary was held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio, CO on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and a Funeral Service was held at St. Ignatius on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, a dinner will follow at Andary Hall in Ignacio.



BOJORQUEZ – Norma Fern Waratza Bojorquez, 75, passed away January 16, 2016 of pneumonia in Colorado Springs, CO. Norma was born to Victoria Waratza and McKean Taylor April 3, 1940 at the Taylor Hospital.
In her first marriage Norma proudly owned, cooked, and ran her own restaurant in Durango, CO. She lived out her life as a homemaker raising her children and grandchildren.

She was a very giving person with a big heart and she loved spending time with her family. This Patriots fan loved her mornings watching the news with her cigarette and coffee in hand.
Our Grandma Bear was the mediator, the healer, and the heart of the family. She openly spoke her mind and was very strong willed.
She is survived by her siblings, Sunni Dez Taylor, Henrietta Taylor, Sally Velasquez, Faith Taylor-Gomez, Laddie Taylor, Henry Taylor JR., children Jacqueline Harris, Manuelita Martinez, Davette Martinez, Norma Martinez, Ciana Bojorquez, her 18 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, Numerous Aunts, Uncles, and cousins in Ignacio, CO/Fort Deschene, Utah.
She is preceded in death by her Great Grandmother Josie Pinnecoose, Mother Victoria Waratza, Father McKean Taylor, Siblings Jack Taylor, Dean Taylor, Beverly Taylor, Jason Taylor, her children Victoria Mountain Lion Lee Harris, Sonny Leigh Harris, and Warren Clinton Charles Harris Sr. A memorial will be held January 29, 2016 at the Multipurpose Facility Chapel at 5:30.
A potluck dinner will commence after the memorial in the Multipurpose Facility. To assist with the meal or any questions please call Candi Johnson at 970-553-9216/970-563-9392/email@candi.johnson90@yahoo.com. Jacqueline Harris @970-317-8012. Thank you all for your continued prayers, love and support for our family.

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Owner:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Memorial Drive
Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for Professional Design Build Services to include: Design Build for Multi Family Rental Units for the Cedar Point Housing Initiative. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Housing Departments located at 15168 Hwy 172 in Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 2 PM MDT, on Feb. 18, 2016. Proposals received after that time will not

be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Vince Mirabal for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-4710 or vmirabal@southernute-nsn.gov. The RFP will be available on Jan. 8, 2016. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 at 2 PM at 15168 Highway 172, Ignacio, Colo., at Tribal Housing Department. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Do you have Questions about your Indian Mineral Ownership or Royalties?

*Department of the Interior
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Thursday, January 28, 2016

*BIA - Southern Ute Agency
Ignacio, Colorado
8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.*

*Southern Ute Senior Center
Ignacio, Colorado
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact John Roach at the Office of the Special Trustee at 563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226



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Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

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The Election Board is located on the second floor (east wing), of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building.
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Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors Meeting

The BGC February meeting will be held Feb. 8, 2016. The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Board of Directors regularly meets on the third Monday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letter of interest from three (3) at-large Southern Ute Tribal members and two (2) alternates to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal members must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal member at-large who are not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29, 2016. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO, 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100, ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are two positions open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. Open until filled.



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Apprentice I & C Technician – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closing date 1/29/16
The purpose of the Apprentice Instrument and Controls Program is to provide specific training while gaining knowledge and experience through a structured training program to become an I&C Technician for Red Cedar Gathering Company under the supervision and/or direction of the assigned/designated facility supervisor.
Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must be able to read and write in the English language. Must have at least 1 year of experience working in an industrial environment demonstrating aptitude with any of the following; electricity or electronics, PLC/computer programing, control

valve repair, instrumentation, or drafting. OR an AAS in an applicable/approved technical discipline from an accredited school or college. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must live within 45 mile radius of the designated Field Office, i.e. Bondad, Arkansas Loop or Coyote Gulch facility. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under Red Cedar Gathering's vehicle insurance policy. Must be able to obtain appropriate certification in First Aid and chemical storage and handling. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must be able to work a rotating work week on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
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Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)

Closing date 1/25/16
Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 1/29/16
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. At least 21 years old+. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 1/22/16
Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Responsible for guest and employee safety on property. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years+. Must

have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 years minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

*User Support/Database Administrator (Full-time)

Closing date 1/22/16
Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 years experience in DBMS (Database Management Systems) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

**Must be 21 years of age*

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

Multiple Ignacio School District job openings

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Laboratory Technician

Closing date 1/26/16
Provides clinical laboratory services for the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Payroll Manager

Closing date 1/25/16
Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annual.

Part time Boys & Girls Program Aide

Closing date 1/25/16
Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Group Exercise Instructor (Part-time)

Closing date 1/27/216
Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closing date 1/27/16
Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Risk Coordinator

Closing date 1/27/16
Under the supervision of the Risk and Emergency Manager; initiates, monitors and tracks workers' compensation claims and follows-up with carrier when required or requested. Initiates claims with property and casualty insurance carrier(s) and assists employees and departments in the processing of claims. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Senior Detention Officer

Closing date 2/3/16
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Family Practice Physician

Closing date 2/5/16
Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Human Resources Director

Closing date 2/16/16
Under general direction of the Executive Officer, management of the Human Resources Dept., Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Department. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

Maintenance Worker

Closing date 1/27/16
Performs daily grounds, repair and maintenance of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Occupant Safety Coordinator – Southern Ute Head Start

Closing date 1/29/16
An excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community. Full-time 25 – 30 hours Flexible schedule is required. Occupant Safety Programs experience preferred. High School Diploma or GED required. Able to lift minimum of 30 lbs. and experience with power tools. Subject to a background check, medical exam and TB test.

Administrative Assistant – SUCAP Central Administration

Closing date 2/5/16
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better lives for thousands of people in southwest Colorado! Minimum requirements: AA degree in Business Admin or related field, three years office experience, and one year office management experience. Must have ability to monitor and operate social media and website applications, interpret and apply various funding regulations/policies; advanced knowledge of basic computer software programs (word processing and spreadsheet) and working knowledge of Internet usage required. Must be able to transcribe meeting minutes. Applicants will be tested to ascertain competency. Must pass Criminal History background check. TERO applies.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2015-PR-0106
Janis May Peabody, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.
You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **February 29, 2016 at 3:00 P.M.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 13th of January, 2016
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof.
You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **February 9, 2016 at 3:00 P.M.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 13th of January, 2016
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2015-NC-0126

Elizabeth Olive Santistevan, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Olive Santistevan has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Elizabeth Olive Williams. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than February 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 4th day of January, 2016.
BY THE COURT,
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

2016 Southern Ute Drum Deadlines

DEADLINE DATES	Publication dates	Federally recognized holidays & tribal office closures
Jan. 4	Jan. 8	New Year's Day (1/1), offices closed 1/1
Jan. 15*	Jan. 22	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/18), offices closed 1/18
Feb. 1	Feb. 5	Valentine's Day (2/14)
Feb. 12	Feb. 19	
Feb. 29	Mar. 4	President's Day (2/15), offices closed 2/15
Mar. 14	Mar. 18	Easter (3/27)
Mar. 28	Apr. 1	April Fools Day (4/1)
Apr. 11	Apr. 15	
Apr. 25	Apr. 29	May Day (5/1), Mother's Day (5/8)
May 9	May 13	
May 23	May 27	Memorial Day (5/30), offices closed 5/30. SU Bear Dance (5/27-30)
Jun. 6	Jun. 10	Father's Day (6/19)
Jun. 20	Jun. 24	Independence Day (7/4), offices closed 7/4
Jul. 1*	Jul. 8	Sun Dance Feast (7/18), offices closed 7/18. SU Sun Dance (7/14-18)
Jul. 15	Jul. 22	
Aug. 1	Aug. 5	
Aug. 15	Aug. 19	
Aug. 29	Sep. 2	Labor Day (9/5), offices closed 9/5. Grandparent's Day (9/11)
Sep. 12	Sep. 16	SU Tribal Fair & Powwow (9/9-11)
Sep. 26	Sep. 30	
Oct. 10	Oct. 14	Cultural Diversity Day (10/10)
Oct. 24	Oct. 28	Halloween (10/31)
Nov. 4*	Nov. 10*	Veterans Day (11/11), offices closed (11/11)
Nov. 17*	Nov. 23*	Thanksgiving (11/24), offices closed 11/24 & 11/25
Dec. 2*	Dec. 8*	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), offices closed 12/9
Dec. 19	Dec. 23	Christmas (12/25), offices closed 12/26

**denotes early deadline or publication date*
All content, including classifieds, RFP/RFB notices, job announcements, display ads, letters, stories and articles, photos, press releases, birthdays, greetings and holiday wishes, submitted for publication AFTER DEADLINE will be considered for the following issue. Requests for design work must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the above posted deadlines. The Drum reserves the right to edit all materials for spelling, grammar, clarity and libel.

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RICHMOND LIFTS IHS' SPIRITS • FROM PAGE 8

came to me before the game and goes, ‘Coach if you need to get that kid in the game to score ...’ or whatever and I thought that was fantastic,” Chris Valdez said.

“Oh, that was nice,” agreed senior guard Tucker Ward. “We just wanted to get the lead early so we could get him the ball to get a shot off.”

Or more accurately, the varsity players and coaches wanted an encore from Keegan Richmond.

Guest-starring as himself in a backcourt role usually reserved for accomplished gunners like Wyatt Hayes, Ward or Anthony Manzanares, the younger brother of two former IHS standouts brought the house down with the hottest shooting hand even his own mother could recall having seen.

Donning oldest sibling Shane’s senior-year No. 10 for his first-act appearance, but unable to fully extend his right heel down to the court, ‘Keegs’ canned consecutive three-pointers off the right wing (with the Ignacio bench roaring him on from behind) to assure Ignacio of a 59-32 junior-varsity win earlier that day.

“Well the first time, I went in and passed up the shot,” Richmond said. “And Coach [Tim Velasquez] told me, ‘Take that! You’re open enough; knock it down!’ So that’s what I did the next time, and I was able to.”

In a perfect costume-change coincidence, he was given No. 33 – a ‘3’ for each trey – for his var-

sity cameo, which actually began with him receiving the officials’ pregame instructions with the other Cat captains.

After a long wait, Reiter’s stoppage came with just over two minutes left and it was ‘Lights, camera (or in this case, many), action!’ again for the sophomore, by now fully knowing what everyone wanted to witness.

He did not disappoint. After catching a baseball-style outlet pass after a Miner’s free throw at the opposite end, Richmond put in his second chance at a close-range basket to secure some scorebook ink but wasn’t finished. Able to hop back to the other end and the front of IHS’ 2-3 zone defense, Richmond soon snared another bomb following a Telluride charity chuck and set up almost in the exact spot where he’d caught fire before.

His third attempt of the day from beyond the arc was unsuccessful, but after an offensive rebound retained possession, his fourth had every red-and-black backer ready to storm the court in celebration.

“It was just a feeling after the release ... that it was going to go in,” a grinning Richmond recalled, another date with doctors hoping to relieve and realign a nerve distressed by a bone malformation – Richmond described it as “like a knuckle” – in his back seemingly as far from his mind as possible.

“I’m going to have surgery the 25th of this month, so it’s not exactly my last

game,” he said. “My last game will be against Pagosa [1/23], the C-team game. I’ll just ... play my game and shoot the ball as well as I can!”

“He earned the three-pointer there at the very end,” stated Valdez. “Got in, found a spot and knocked one down! You could see there’s an issue with him, and he deserved what he got.”

“Especially with all the things he’s been through, you know, surgery-wise,” Velasquez said, knowing his player will have endured at least five procedures. “It’s great to get him on the floor and contribute to the team.”

“Having those young guys that really haven’t been playing or scoring a lot contribute ... support each other is huge. Because we’re a family, a brotherhood, and that’s how we do things.”

“It was nice to see that everyone got the chance to play and score,” freshman JV-varsity swing guard Lawrence Valdez – who’d began the JV contest converting a rare four-point play – said, alluding to the fact that Richmond’s makes helped inspire others (Carlos Herrera drained a later three from the right corner, and Mitchell Neil ended the scoring with a free throw) to find their shine.

“We just wanted to make opportunities for everyone, and for all of us to be successful as a team.”

“Nobody appreciates him more,” said Chris Valdez, speaking for the entire Bobcat Basketball program.

JAYS, MINERS NO MATCH • FROM PAGE 1

block of Austin McCaw during the first half, managed two more buckets but only reserve forward Jordan Williams cashed at least one as Ward’s aforementioned six points and five from Hayes helped fourth-ranked (CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll, 1/11) Ignacio go into the final frame comfortably ahead, 43-21.

“I feel like we were a little tired from the back-to-back ... just didn’t play to our full energy level like we can every night,” Ward (13 points) said. “Just didn’t have all the energy there to-night, wasn’t the best game we’ve had.”

Hayes recorded a game-best 18 points, senior center/

forward Nick Herrera netted ten and Manzanares nine for IHS. McCaw and younger brother Cole each scored four as ten different Bobcats scored at least two. Denny totaled 13 for Telluride (2-8, 1-2), Galbo finished with 12 and Williams eight.

Against Ro Paschal-less MHS, Ignacio raced out to a 21-5 lead by the first quarter’s close, and inflated a 38-24 halftime pad to 61-31 at the fourth quarter’s open. Ward paced Ignacio with 23 points, with Hayes and Herrera each scoring 14. Seniors Andrew Christensen and Adrian Hernandez each scored 12 points for Mancos (3-4, 2-1) and classmate Andrew Plunkett

booked eight.

Following the battle with DHS, the ‘Cats will resume SJBL work by hosting Dove Creek on Friday, Jan. 22, rumble inside IHS Gymnasium with 3A Bayfield on the 26th, and then entertain league foe Dolores on the 29th.

CALENDAR CHECK

Originally slated for Jan. 8, but postponed due to the week’s snowstorms, Ridgway’s visit to Ignacio has been rescheduled for February 5. The junior-varsity boys’ game will get things underway at 4:00 p.m., followed by the varsity girls’ and varsity boys’ games.

CATS LASH MANCOS, TELLURIDE • FROM PAGE 8

bit flat, in my opinion, and then they picked it up,” said IHS head coach Shane Seibel. “They got their mental state together, then they just went after it and had fun!”

Unfortunately for THS, from that moment on its production was only average; Telluride managed only eight points the rest of the way, while Ignacio tore the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League game wide open with a 33-0 run spanning the third and most of the fourth quarter to win easily, 66-12.

Sophomore Hilda Garcia led the way with 21 points, 12 in the third alone, and Gomez, via a slick Chrystianne Valdez assist in transition, totaled 20. Sophomore Allisiana Marquez-Baker netted seven off the bench, while Valdez, Silva and junior Alejandra Lujan – who’d mangled MHS for a 15-point, 10-rebound double-double – each booked five.

“Tonight was really a lot of unselfish play. Not like there wasn’t any last night, but I thought as we ended the game – my emphasis is not how we start, but how we finish – they really finished well together,” Seibel said.

“Even though we had a starter [senior Ellie Seibel] going through some tough times ... not able to find the scorebook, the team rallied

around one of their captains and showed they can play at a high level. I was proud.”

Freshman Jess Pack’s single free throw was her only point for the Lady Miners (1-6, 0-3 SJBL), but it got THS on the board at last after the Lady Bobcats’ aforementioned rampage, making the margin 55-8 after it had been 22-7 at intermission. Matamoros finished with four points in defeat and Wells a hard-fought three.

“We were really focused on boxing out, trying to give them only one opportunity at the offensive side because we knew they were taller than us,” Seibel said, addressing Telluride’s Pack-led post size. “Everybody had to be physical, and make sure they made contact ... to limit them to one shot. They had some big girls!”

Garcia poured in 17 points in the rout of Mancos, sinking three treys, and Valdez contributed eight. Seibel and senior Miriam Fernandez-Lopez each scored six, and Gomez and Silva each had four as IHS used a 20-point third quarter to separate for good after building a 31-6 halftime lead.

“It was about honoring our opponent, honoring the game of basketball – never underestimating our

opponent, never playing down,” said Seibel. “We just played hard.”

Junior Brittney Peacock led the Lady Jays with ten points, but classmate Nicole Hess (nine) and senior Jessica Gutierrez (six) were her only teammates to score en route to dipping to 3-4, 1-2.

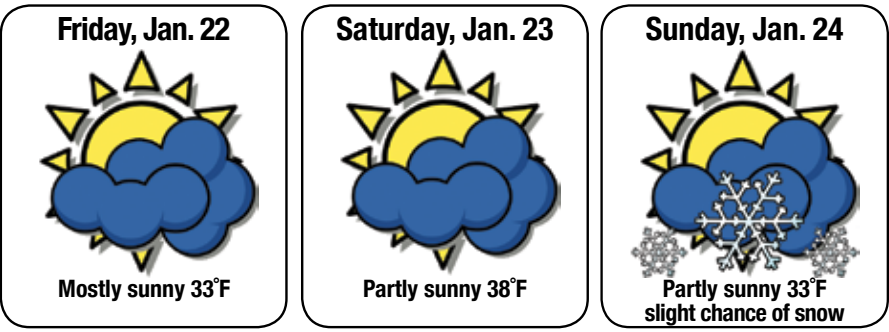
Having improved to 6-2, 3-0 with the weekend sweep, up next for the Lady Cats – ranked ninth in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll at the time – will be a Jan. 22 visit from Dove Creek, followed by the rumble inside IHS Gymnasium with 3A Bayfield on the 26th and then a rematch with Dolores on the 29th.

Results from Ignacio’s 1/19 neutral-site test against Durango (6-2, 0-0 4A/5A Southwestern; played at Fort Lewis College’s Whalen Gymnasium) were unfortunately unavailable by the Drum’s deadline.

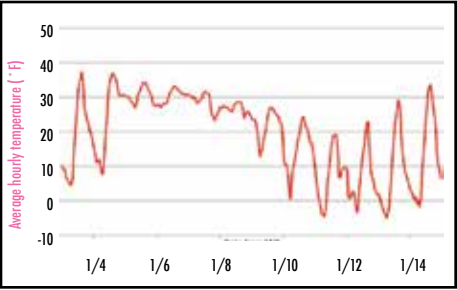
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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

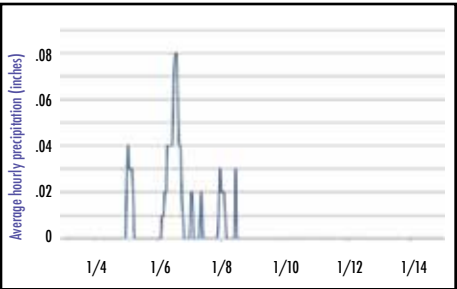


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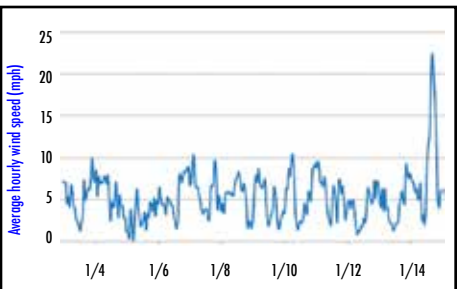
Temperature

High	37.2°
Low	-4.9°
Average	19.3°
Average last year	28.2°



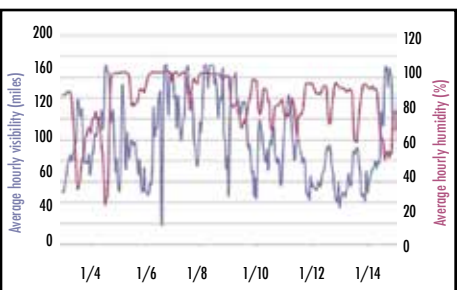
Precipitation

Total	1.040”
Total last year	1.690”



Wind speed

Average	5.3
Minimum	0.1
Maximum	22.4



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	99.8
Average humidity	82.9%

Air quality

Good
Air quality descriptor: 37



GRAPPLERS STORM SALIDA • FROM PAGE 8

ally) four champions at the event and helping boost IHS all the way up to third place in the tournament’s final standings.

Beebe went 4-0 with three pins, and ended his day gluing BHS’ Jake Sandrey in just 1 minute, 15 seconds.

Junior Stocker Robbins also was perfect in four trips to the mat, and rebounded from the previous weekend’s third-place (at Pagosa Springs’ Rocky Mountain Invite) result to capture first at SHS after holding off 2A Dolores soph Brandon Ward 4-2 in the 113-pounders’ finale.

Classmate Ethan Appenzeller went 3-for-3 at 138, pinning all three opponents including 2A Cedaredge soph Colton Horr – in only 1:49 – for the championship, and earned Lower Weight Outstanding Wrestler honors. Finally, fellow junior Lorenzo Pena brought home first at 160 after winning all three of his bouts – the last by a 6-1 score against BHS junior Macoy Michaeli.

All told, Jordan Larsen’s titlists helped Ignacio amass

147.5 team points, which ultimately trailed only BHS’ 173.5 and Cedaredge’s winning 197. Del Norte, 2A (139) and 3A Basalt (109.5) rounded out the top five.

Junior Timmy Plehinger took third place at 152 for IHS by going 2-1, 145-pounder Dalton Mickey took fourth place by going 2-2, and heavyweight Michael Cruz went 2-2 with

two pins and finished sixth.

Up next the Cats will travel to Paonia’s Screaming Eagle Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 23, after having hosted 4A Durango in a non-league dual on the 21st. The results were unavailable by the Drum’s deadline. IHS’ Butch Melton Memorial Invitational is set for the 30th, with dual-style action on tap the night before.

Rob Mickel Memorial Invite

1. Cedaredge 197, 2. Bayfield 173.5, 3. **IGNACIO 147.5**, 4. Del Norte 139, 5. Basalt 109.5, 6. Colorado Springs Christian 106.5, 7. Salida 102.5, 8. Dolores 89, 9. Westcliffe Custer County 63, 10. Manzanola 45, 11. Blanca Sierra Grande 34, 12. Center 31.5, 13. La Jara Centauri JV 23, 14. Mancos 23, T-15. Calhan/Saguache Mountain Valley 13, 17. Leadville Lake County 12, 18. Sanford 6.

CHAMPIONS: 106 – Ryan Moltz (Salida); **113 – STOCKER ROBBINS (IGNACIO)**; 120 – Dmitri Huschka (Salida); 126 – Garrett Beebe (Bayfield); **132 – TYLER BEEBE (IGNACIO)**; **138 – ETHAN APPENZELLER (IGNACIO)**; 145 – Ryan Nava (Bayfield); 152 – Niles Primrose (Colorado Springs Christian); **160 – LORENZO PENA (IGNACIO)**; 170 – Zach Anderson (Cedaredge); 182 – Jake Jolly (Del Norte); 195 – Tre LaBossiere (Cedaredge); 220 – Olmer Marquez (Basalt); Hwt – Sam Westbrook (Bayfield).

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